

SUPER BOWL XLVI

New York and Boston move their epic pro sports rivalry to Indianapolis tonight where, in Super Bowl XLVI, the Giants and Patriots play for the NFL championship for the second time in five seasons. Most of the names have changed since the '08 game, but between royal quarterbacks Tom Brady and Eli Manning, there are four Super Bowl championships, three Super Bowl MVP trophies and one more chance to add a shining line to the long history of intercity sparring in the Northeast Corridor.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS 15-3



Patriots QB
Tom Brady

head coach



BILL BELICHICK
(2000-present)
Reg. season 139-53
Playoffs 16-5

schedule

REG. SEASON (13-3)				
Sep. 12	@ Miami	W	38-24	
Sep. 18	San Diego	W	35-21	
Sep. 25	@ Buffalo	L	31-34	
Oct. 2	@ Oakland	W	31-19	
Oct. 9	New York Jets	W	30-21	
Oct. 16	Dallas	W	20-16	
Week 7 BYE				
Oct. 30	@ Pittsburgh	L	17-25	
Nov. 6	N.Y. Giants	L	20-24	
Nov. 13	@ N.Y. Jets	W	37-16	
Nov. 21	Kansas City	W	34-3	
Nov. 27	@ Philadelphia	W	38-20	
Dec. 4	Indianapolis	W	31-24	
Dec. 11	@ Washington	W	34-27	
Dec. 18	@ Denver	W	41-23	
Dec. 24	Miami	W	27-24	
Jan. 1	Buffalo	W	49-21	
PLAYOFFS (2-0)				
Jan. 14	Denver	W	45-10	
Jan. 22	Baltimore	W	23-20	
REC. VS. COMMON OPP. 8-1				
REC. VS. PLAYOFF TEAMS 3-2				

offense

POS.	NO.	STARTER	YRS.	EXP.
WR	84	Deion Branch	10	
LT	72	Matt Light	11	
LG	70	Logan Mankins	7	
C	63	Dan Connolly	6	
RG	54	Brian Waters	12	
RT	77	Nate Solder	R	
TE	87	Rob Gronkowski	2	
WR	83	Wes Welker	8	
QB	12	Tom Brady	12	
RB	42	BenJarvus Green-Ellis	4	
TE	81	Aaron Hernandez	2	

defense

POS.	NO.	STARTER	YRS.	EXP.
DE	75	Vince Wilfork	8	
DT	74	Kyle Love	2	
DE	71	Brandon Deaderick	2	
OLB	95	Mark Anderson	6	
ILB	51	Jerod Mayo	4	
ILB	55	Brandon Spikes	2	
OLB	50	Rob Ninkovich	6	
CB	32	Devin McCourty	2	
CB	24	Kyle Arrington	3	
SS	25	Patrick Chung	3	
FS	44	James Ihedigbo	5	

special teams

POS.	NO.	STARTER	YRS.	EXP.
K	3	Stephen Gostkowski	6	
H	14	Zoltan Mesko	2	
PR	11	Julian Edelman	3	
KR	39	Danny Woodhead	4	
P	14	Zoltan Mesko	2	
LS	48	Danny Aiken	R	

regular & postseason stats

PASSING	CMP.	ATT.	YARDS	PCT.	YDS./ATT.	TD	INT	QB RATE		
T. Brady	449	681	5,837	65.9%	8.57	45	15	105.6		
RUSHING	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	TD	PUNT RETURNS	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	TD	
B. Green-Ellis	209	763	3.7	12	J. Edelman	32	335	10.5	1	
S. Ridley	91	462	5.1	1	W. Welker	9	82	9.1	0	
D. Woodhead	87	394	4.5	1						
T. Brady	52	119	2.3	4	KICK RETURNS	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	TD	
A. Hernandez	13	115	8.8	0	D. Woodhead	24	566	23.6	0	
S. Vereen	15	57	3.8	1	J. Edelman	12	284	23.7	0	
					S. Ridley	7	152	21.7	0	
					M. Slater	4	68	17.0	0	
RECEIVING	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	TD						
W. Welker	134	1,677	12.5	10	TACKLES	TOTAL	SOLO	AST.	SACKS	
Gronkowski	105	1,559	14.8	20	J. Mayo	112	63	49	1.0	
A. Hernandez	90	1,031	11.5	8	K. Arrington	102	75	27	0	
D. Branch	56	805	14.4	6	D. McCourty	96	71	25	0	
C. Ochocinco	15	276	0	1	R. Ninkovich	86	48	38	8.0	
B. Green-Ellis	10	167	16.7	0	J. Ihedigbo	84	53	31	0	
D. Woodhead	19	164	8.6	0	P. Chung	71	40	31	1.0	
J. Edelman	6	53	8.8	0	B. Spikes	62	37	25	1.0	
M. Slater	1	46	0	0	V. Wilfork	61	33	28	6.0	
K. Faulk	7	34	0	0	A. Carter	52	31	21	10.0	
					G. Guyton	47	26	21	0	
SCORING	TD	XP	FG	2PT	PTS.					
Gostkowski	0	67	32	0	163	S. Brown	40	30	10	0
Gronkowski	21	0	0	0	126	K. Love	39	22	17	3.0
B. Green-Ellis	12	0	0	0	72					
W. Welker	10	0	0	0	60	INTERCEPTIONS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
A. Hernandez	8	0	0	0	48	K. Arrington	7	92	13.1	0
D. Branch	6	0	0	0	36	Six players with 2 INTs each				
T. Brady	4	0	0	0	24					
D. Woodhead	1	0	0	2	10	PUNTING	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	LG.
C. Ochocinco	1	0	0	0	6	Z. Mesko	61	2,823	46.3	65
KICKING	XPM	XPA	XP PCT.	FGM	FGA	FG PCT.	LONG	PTS.		
S. Gostkowski	67	67	100%	32	37	86.5%	50	163		

NEW YORK GIANTS 12-7

head coach



TOM COUGHLIN
(2004-present)
Reg. season 74-54
Playoffs 7-3

schedule

REG. SEASON (9-7)				
Sep. 11	@ Washington	L	14-28	
Sep. 19	St. Louis	W	28-16	
Sep. 25	@ Philadelphia	W	29-16	
Oct. 2	@ Arizona	W	31-27	
Oct. 9	Seattle	L	25-36	
Oct. 16	Buffalo	W	27-24	
Week 7 BYE				
Oct. 24	Miami	W	20-17	
Oct. 31	@ New England	W	24-20	
Nov. 7	@ San Francisco	L	20-27	
Nov. 21	Philadelphia	L	10-17	
Nov. 28	@ New Orleans	L	24-49	
Dec. 5	Green Bay	L	35-38	
Dec. 12	@ Dallas	W	37-34	
Dec. 19	Washington	L	10-23	
Dec. 26	@ N.Y. Jets	W	29-14	
Jan. 2	Dallas	W	31-14	
PLAYOFFS (3-0)				
Jan. 16	Atlanta	W	24-2	
Jan. 24	@ Green Bay	W	37-20	
Jan. 24	@ San Francisco	W	20-17	
REC. VS. COMMON OPP. 6-3				
REC. VS. PLAYOFF TEAMS 4-3				

offense

POS.	NO.	STARTER	YRS.	EXP.
WR	80	Victor Cruz	2	
LT	66	David Diehl	9	
LG	77	Kevin Boothe	6	
C	64	David Baas	7	
RG	76	Chris Snee	8	
RT	67	Kareem McKenzie	11	
TE	85	Jake Ballard	2	
WR	88	Hakeem Nicks	3	
QB	10	Eli Manning	8	
RB	44	Ahmad Bradshaw	5	
FB	45	Henry Hynoski	R	

defense

POS.	NO.	STARTER	YRS.	EXP.
DE	90	Jason Pierre-Paul	2	
DT	97	Linval Joseph	2	
DT	99	Chris Canty	7	
DE	91	Justin Tuck	7	
OLB	59	Michael Boley	7	
ILB	53	Greg Jones	R	
OLB	94	Mathias Kiwanuka	6	
CB	23	Corey Webster	7	
CB	31	Aaron Ross	5	
SS	21	Kenny Phillips	4	
FS	26	Antrel Rolle	6	

special teams

POS.	NO.	STARTER	YRS.	EXP.
K	9	Lawrence Tynes	8	
H	5	Steve Weatherford	7	
PR	36	Will Blackmon	6	
KR	12	Jerrel Jernigan	R	
P	5	Steve Weatherford	7	
LS	51	Zak DeOssie	5	

regular & postseason stats

PASSING	CMP.	ATT.	YARDS	PCT.	YDS./ATT.	TD	INT	QB RATE		
E. Manning	435	712	5,856	61.1%	8.22	37	17	94.6		
RUSHING	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	TD	PUNT RETURNS	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	TD	
A. Bradshaw	217	859	4.0	9	A. Ross	17	128	7.5	0	
B. Jacobs	180	698	3.9	8	W. Blackmon	14	79	5.6	0	
D.J. Ware	49	167	3.4	0						
E. Manning	42	36	0.9	1						
D. Scott	5	16	3.2	0	KICK RETURNS	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	TD	
V. Cruz	1	3	3.0	0	D. Thomas	25	607	24.3	0	
					D. Scott	14	341	24.4	0	
					J. Jernigan	10	230	23.0	0	
					W. Blackmon	2	43	21.5	0	
RECEIVING	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	TD	TACKLES	TOTAL	SOLO	AST.	SACKS	
V. Cruz	99	1,780	18.0	9	A. Rolle	117	100	17	0	
H. Nicks	94	1,527	16.2	11	M. Boley	110	87	23	3.0	
Manningham	47	639	13.6	7	Pierre-Paul	102	78	24	17.0	
J. Ballard	41	637	15.5	4	K. Phillips	92	68	24	0	
A. Bradshaw	48	362	7.5	2	J. Williams	90	70	20	1.0	
D.J. Ware	28	183	6.5	0	M. Kiwanuka	89	65	24	4.0	
B. Jacobs	19	144	7.6	1	D. Grant	77	57	20	1.0	
B. Pascoe	13	142	10.9	1	A. Ross	68	54	14	0	
T. Beckum	12	138	11.5	1	C. Webster	61	53	8	0	
H. Hynoski	15	103	6.9	0	L. Joseph	58	39	19	2.0	
R. Barden	9	94	0	0						
D. Hixon	4	50	0	1						
SCORING	TD	XP	FG	2PT	PTS.	INTERCEPTIONS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
L. Tynes	0	52	25	0	127	C. Webster	6	71	11.8	0
A. Bradshaw	11	0	0	1	68	K. Phillips	4	50	12.5	0
H. Nicks	11	0	0	0	66	A. Ross	4	19	9.5	0
B. Jacobs	9	0	0	1	56	A. Rolle	2	-1	-0.5	0
V. Cruz	9	0	0	0	54					
Manningham	7	0	0	0	42					
J. Ballard	4	0	0	0	24					
KICKING	XPM	XPA	XP PCT.	FGM	FGA	FG PCT.	LONG	PTS.		
L. Tynes	52	52	100%	25	32	78.1%	50	127		

Giants QB
Eli Manning



WHO HAS THE EDGE?

when the patriots have the ball



Patriots WR
W. Welker

Tom Brady went without a touchdown pass for the first time in 19 playoff games in the AFC title victory over Baltimore, with two interceptions. But he's also never directed a unit that averaged 428 yards in the regular season, thanks to Wes Welker's 122 catches and the tight end combo of Rob Gronkowski and Aaron Hernandez (169 catches, 24 TDs). Today's caveat is how effective Gronkowski can be playing with his high-ankle sprain suffered vs. the Ravens. The Giants' front four, anchored by end Jason Pierre-Paul (16.5 sacks) creates pressure as well as any in the NFL and won't worry about a New England ground game that averaged 3.1 yards against Baltimore. **EDGE: Patriots**

when the giants have the ball



Giants WR
V. Cruz

Stymied on the ground by the 49ers, Eli Manning threw a career-high 58 times in the NFC title game. The ensuing six sacks were an aberration for one of the better pass-protecting lines. Expect New York, which led the regular season in passes of 40-plus yards, to dent a Patriots secondary that allowed the most 20-yard gains. New England was 31st in yards allowed this year, yet yielded only 21 points a game. RBs Brandon Jacobs and Ahmad Bradshaw totaled just 1,230 yards, but in Hakeem Nicks and Victor Cruz, the Giants – who have just one postseason turnover – were the only team to have two wide receivers among the NFL's top 12. **EDGE: Giants**

on special teams



Patriots KR
J. Edelman

Neither return game is electric. Between them only New England's Julian Edelman scored on a return this season – 72 yards on a punt – but their coverage units yielded no TDs. The Patriots' pun